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February 28, 2006

Jennifer Boucher
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The Berkshire Gas Company
P.O. Box 1388
Pittsfield, MA 01202-1388

Re: The Berkshire Gas Company, D.T.E. 05-GAF-P2
March 2006 Revised Peak CGAC Filing

Dear Ms. Boucher:

The Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") hereby gives conditional approval to The Berkshire Gas Company's ("Berkshire" or "Company") Revised Peak Cost of Gas Adjustment Factors ("GAFs") filed on February 23, 2006, of \$0.956 per therm for low-load customers and \$0.785 per therm for high-load customers. The GAFs are to be applied to firm gas sales during the billing period of March 1, 2006, through April 30, 2006.

The Department allows the application of the GAFs but may, if future conditions warrant, change the factors or the method of computation. The Department may, as conditions

warrant, also require Berkshire to refund to its customers any amounts that are, upon later review of Company filings or of other relevant evidence, found by the Department to be the result of imprudent Company action.

By Order of the Department,

/s/
Judith F. Judson, Chairman

/s/
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cc: Joseph Rogers, Assistant Attorney General
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